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Are women tennis players like Steffi Graf. Pam Shriver, Gabriela Sabatini, Martina Navratilova, Helena Sukova and others who compete in major pro tournaments required to take tests which prove that they are not masculine or on drugs? -Barbara P., San Antonio, Tex.

Starting in the new year, tests for cocaine 1. and some performance-enhancing drugs may be required of women in major tennis tournaments.

How much did superstar Clint Eastwood set-How much did supersian China How much did the on his first wife, Maggie? How much did he settle on actress Sondra Locke, who lived with him for 13 years? And is there any truth to the tale that he recently and quietly got married to Jane Brolin, ex-wife of one of his best friends, actor James Brolin, when she visited him for two months in Africa? -L.R. San Jose, Calif.

Clint Eastwood, 59, reportedly paid the for-A . mer Maggie Johnson—mother of their children Kyle, 21, and Allison, 17-\$25 million as her fair share of their 27 years of marriage (1953-80). Sondra Locke, who split with Eastwood in April, alleges that the actor talked her into having two abortions and a tubal ligation. She has asked for two homes in Los Angeles and \$1.3 million in additional community property. As for Jane Brolin, she insists that she and Eastwood are old friends who've known each other for 30 years. Jane says she visited Clint in Africa, where he was filming "White Hunter. Black Heart," because she loves animals. To date, there has been no marriage between the two.



Jane Brolin and Clint Eastwood: Just old friends

Are Al Pacino and Diane Keaton secretly Are Al Pacino and Diane Kealon secrety
married, and is she carrying their baby? -Georgia P., Bend, Ore.

Pacino, 49, and Keaton, 43, are working • together in the movie "Godfather III," but as of this writing they are not married and she is not carrying his child-although both conditions are subject to immediate change and may have been altered by the time this item appears in print.



Keaton and Pacino: Reunited for Godfather...and more?

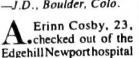
Have you ever heard of two women named . Kathy Seamon and Marian Cocke in the life of Elvis Presley?-Mona Betts, Tarboro, N.C.

Yes, they were nurse/nutritionists who worked . for Elvis at Graceland, his home in Memphis, and tried gallantly to regulate his diet.

I read that Elizabeth Taylor's lawyers have around up a prenuptial agreement to protect her should she marry her boyfriend, Larry Fortensky, 37. He met Liz, who is 57, at the Betty Ford clinic last year when they were being treated for drug abuse. The article said if they wed, Fortensky would be given an American Express card with a \$25,000 limit, a monthly allowance of \$18,000 for three years and the use of a luxury car for a minimum of one year. What's your opinion of the Taylor-Fortensky prenuptial agreement?—Jeff L., Kansas City, Mo.

Our opinion is that there is no such prenuptial agreement in effect at this writing. Should Taylor consent to marry Fortensky, however, her lawyers undoubtedly would insist upon one.

Bill Cosby's daugh-ter Erinn, I gather from our TV announcer, was on drugs and drink for years. Then she conquered her addiction. From which medical facility was Erinn discharged? We have someone who needs similar help. _J.D., Boulder, Colo.





Erinn: Back on track

in Newport, R.I., on or about Sept. 24. Her condition then and now is private and privileged information. We suggest that you contact your family physician or county medical society for advice.

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Purch in 1981 called him "one Is it true that after Ferdinand Marcos had kent Vice President George Bush in 1981 called him "one of the greatest democratic Philippine patriots of all time"?-E. Fernandez, San Francisco, Calif.

George Bush never said that. Pressured by . the U.S. State Department for diplomatic reasons, Bush toasted Marcos in Manila in June 1981 with these words: "We love your adherence to democratic principles and to the democratic processes." It was patent nonsense, of course, but a signal to Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos that the Reagan Administration still regarded them as friends.



The late Mr. Marcos with Imelda in his "democratic" days OWALTER SCOTT 1979

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The spacecraft has completed the first human reconnaissance of the Solar System. Now it continues on its long journey to the stars.

N OCTOBER 1957. WE HUMANS launched a machine into space that could orbit the Earth. Now, less than a third of a century later, we have visited the outermost known planet in the Solar System. We have passed beyond the planetary frontiers. We have explored close-up more than 50 worlds.

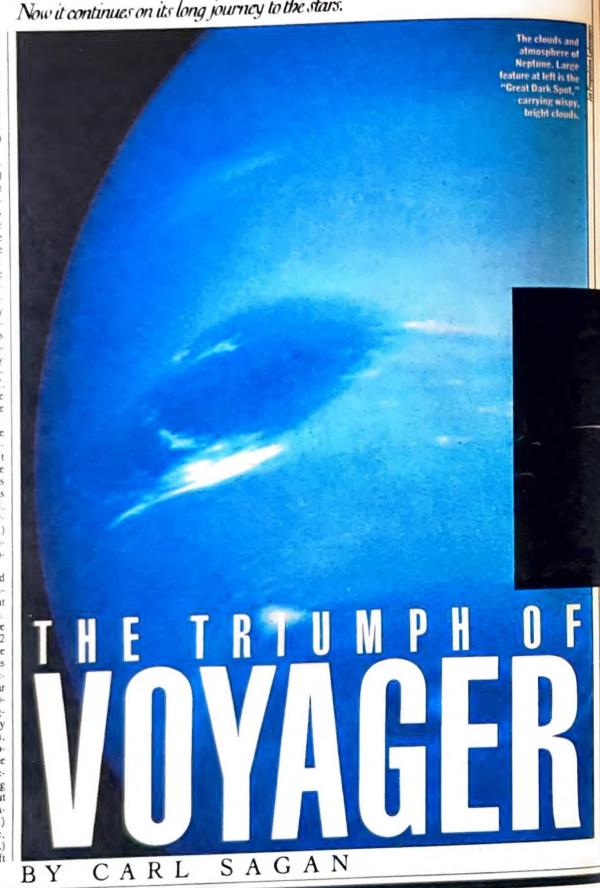
It's hard, amid the demands of everyday life, to step outside ourselves and grasp the broad historical sweep. But what our species has accomplished in the peaceful exploration of the Solar System is nothing short of mythic and may, in the long run—provided we do not contrive to destroy ourselves first—turn out to be the path to the next stage of human history.

Usually, Neptune is thought of as the penultimate planet and Pluto as the outermost. But because of Pluto's stretchedout, elliptical orbit, Neptune has lately been the outermost planet and will remain so until the year 1999. Neptune is so far away that, in its sky, the Sun appears as little more than an extremely bright star. Typical temperatures in its upper clouds are about — 400°F, or — 240°C, precisely because it is so far from the warming rays of the Sun. It lives on the edge of interstellar night.

How far? It's so far away from the Earth that it cannot be seen with the naked eye. It's so far away that it hasn't yet completed a single trip around the Sun since its discovery in 1846. (It takes so long to circuit the Sun because its orbit is so vast, 23 billion miles around, and because the force of the Sun's gravity at that distance is comparatively weak.) It takes light—faster than which nothing can go—4 hours to get from Neptune to Earth. I mean far out.

Launched in 1977, the Voyager I and Voyager 2 robot spacecraft are responsible for most of our knowledge about most of the worlds in the Solar System. They explored Jupiter and Saturn more or less in tandem, but only Voyager 2 went on to visit the Uranus and Neptune systems. United States launch vehicles are not powerful enough to get a spacecraft this quickly to the outermost Solar System by rocket propulsion alone. Voyager 2 took advantage of a rare liningup of the planets, so that a close fly-by of Jupiter accelerated it on to Saturn, Saturn to Uranus, Uranus on to Neptune, and Neptune on to the stars. (The last opportunity for such a game of celestial billiards presented itself during the Presidency of Thomas Jefferson, but we were then only at the horseback, canoe and sailing ship stage of exploration.)

Since adequate funds were unavailable, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) only could afford to build a spacecraft



We have not found even a trace of life. Voyager reminds us of the rarity and preciousness of life on Earth and our responsibility to preserve it.

that would work reliably as far as Saturn. Beyond that, all bets were off. But because of the brilliance of the engineering design-and the fact that the JPL engineers who tell the spacecraft what to do are getting smarter faster than the spacecraft is deteriorating—both Voyagers are still radioing data back to Earth. The spacecraft, their designers, builders, navigators and controllers are examples of what science and engineering, set free for well-defined peaceful purposes, can accomplish. Those scientists and engineers are role models in an America seeking excellence and international competitiveness. They should be on our stamps.

When Voyager 2 raced through the Neptune system last Aug. 25, its cameras, spectrometers, particle and field detectors, and other instruments were feverishly examining the planet, its moons and its



Above: The first picture taken by Voyager 2, shortly after its 1977 launch, shows the Earth and its Moon together. Left: One of Voyager's last pictures, taken of Neptune and its moon Triton. Right: The Voyager 2 spacecraft, with its golden disk, now leaving the Solar System.



rings in rapid succession. The planet itself-like its cousins Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus—is a gas giant. Neptune is four times bigger than the Earth. When we look down on its cool, austere blueness, we are seeing only atmosphere and clouds -no solid surface. The atmosphere is made mainly of hydrogen and helium, with a little methane and traces of other hydrocarbons. There may also be nitrogen. The bright clouds, which seem to be methane crystals, are poised above thick, deeper clouds of unknown composition. The blue color-so appropriate to a planet named for the god of the sea-is due partly to the scattering of sunlight by air molecules (the same process that makes the skies of the Earth blue), and partly to the absorption of red light by methane gas. If there is any solid surface, it lies far deeper than any of our instruments have yet been able to probe. There may be a rocky and metallic Earthlike object buried at the core of Neptune. The planet's magnetic field seems tied to the deep interior, so we know how fast the interior rotates. Relative to that interior, there are huge cloud features on Neptune that are moving at speeds of up to 400 miles per hour.

This is a blue, dimly lit, chilly, stormy and remote world—but, despite all that, Neptune, it turns out, has much to teach

us about our own planet.

Surrounding Neptune (and the other three gas giants as well) is a system of rings, each composed of innumerable orbiting fine particles ranging in size from the particles in cigarette smoke to small trucks. Like the rings of other planets in the Solar System, those of Neptune appear to be evanescent; natural processes would disrupt them in less than the age of the Solar System. This suggests that

rings were made more or less "recently" and are not relics from primordial times. But how can rings be made?

There are also many moons surrounding the giant planets, and every now and then, by chance, one of the multitude of comets that sweep through the outer Solar System must collide with a small moon. The resulting debris-ejected from the moon but not so fast-moving as to escape from the planet's gravity-may form, for a time, a new ring. When we examine the small moons in the Solar System, we find that a number of them have craters almost big enough for the impact responsible to have fractured and splintered the moon. Other, more massive, impacts must have demolished moons, the fragments of disintegration perhaps, for a time, forming a ring.

The American planetary scientist Eugene Shoemaker, of the U.S. Geological

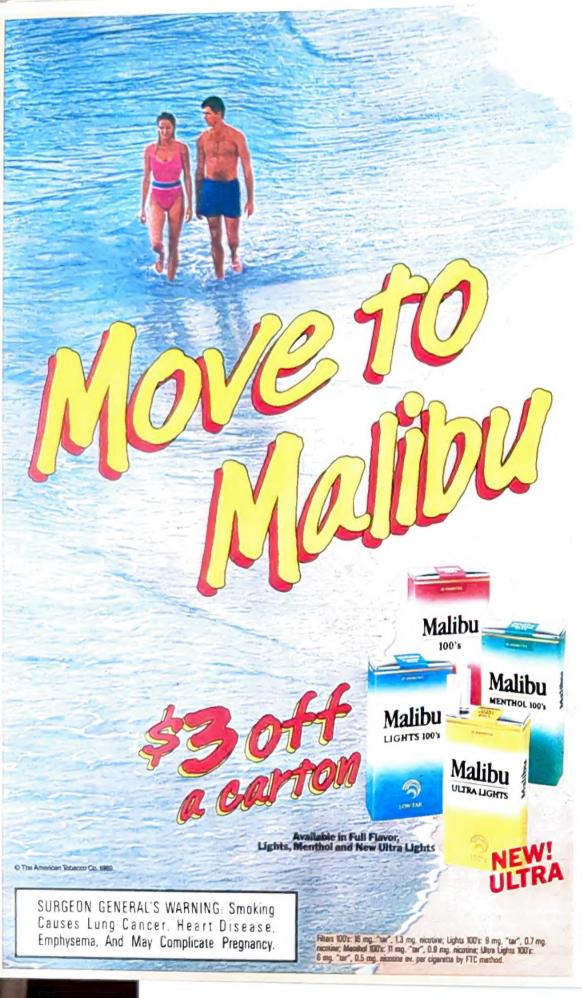
Survey, believes that many moons in the outer Solar System have been annihilated and reformed more than once in the 4.5 billion years since the Sun and the planets condensed out of the interstellar gas and dust. The picture that is emerging from the Voyager sweep through the outer Solar System is of worlds whose placid and lonely vigils are spasmodically interrupted by catastrophes from space—and of worlds reforming from rings and other debris, rising like phoenixes from their own ashes.

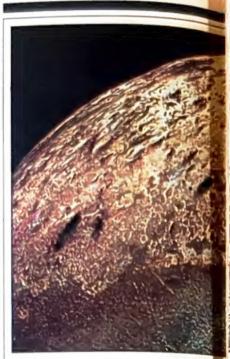
The Voyagers also have found evidence of the first stirrings and intimations of life-a rich and diverse organic chemistry, but not life itself. They found, for example, that Saturn's clouded moon Titan is generating in its atmosphere complex organic molecules, which give Titan its reddish-brown color. The molecules rain down on the ground, where a layer of organic sediment hundreds of feet thick or more may be covering the ground. There may be an ocean of liquid hydrocarbons. Titan is the target of a future mission called Cassini that will send a probe through the clouds, down to its hidden surface, around the turn of the

The biggest moon in the Neptune system is called Triton. It also has an atmosphere, somewhat similar to Titan's; but, because the atmosphere and haze are much thinner, we can see Triton's surface. We find a wondrously variegated landscape. This is a world of ice-methane ice, nitrogen ice, probably underlain by more familiar water ice and rocks. There are impact basins, which seem to have been flooded by the liquefied ice before refreezing, impact craters, long craserossing valleys; vast fields of freshly fallen snow; puckered terrain that resembles the skin of a cantaloupe; and more or less parallei, long dark streaks that seem to have been blown by the wind, despite the thinness of Triton's atmosphere (about 1/10,000th as thick as Earth's).

In some places the snow is as bright and white as freshly fallen Antarctic snows (and may offer a skiing experience unrivaled in all the Solar System). Elsewhere there is a tint to the snows, ranging from pink to brown. Here is one possible explanation: Freshly fallen snows of nitrogen, methane and simple hydrocarbons are irradiated by ultraviolet light from the distant Sun and especially by electrons trapped in the magnetic field of Neptune, through which Triton plows. We know from experiments in our laboratories at Cornell and elsewhere that such irradiation will convert the snows to complex, dark, reddish organic sediments-nothing alive, but composed of some of the same molecules that were involved in the origin of life on Earth some 4 billion years ago.

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In local winter, the snows fall from the sky just as on Earth (although our winters, mercifully, are about 25 years shorter). Through the spring, they are slowly transformed, more and more reddish organic molecules building up in them. By summertime, the snows have evaporated and migrated halfway across the planet to the winter hemisphere. But the reddish, organic molecules do not vaporize and are not transported-they lag behind. The following winter, they are covered over by new snows, irradiated, and the next summer there is more and darker lag deposit. As time goes on, substantial amounts of organic matter are built up on the surface of Triton, which probably accounts for its variegated color markings.

The streaks begin in small, dark source regions, perhaps when the warmth of spring and summer heats the volatile snows below the surface. These vaporize and come pouring out like geysers, blowing off the less-volatile surface snows and dark organics. Winds at very low speeds are thought to carry the dark organics downwind to create the streaks.

Our understanding of Triton is in its earliest stages, but it seems very clear that we see a record of changes occurring on time scales between centuries and billions of years, and possible clues to the origin of life on Earth.

Neptune was Voyager 2's last port of call. But its work is far from done. Early next year, Voyager 2 is scheduled to look back over its shoulder and take what some have called "the picture of the century." In one opportunity, the planets will be spread out against the blackness of space like jewels against velvet: Saturn and Jupiter will be to the right of the Sun. To the left, a small, red point of light—that's Mars. A yellow point of light



Triton. Near top are south polar snows, darkly streaked; at bottom, reddish-brown deposits of organic molecules; also visible, bluish-white, methane and nitrogen snow.

—that's Venus. And between them, a blue point of light—that's the Earth. That's us. That's home—a lonely blue dot almost lost against the background spangle and glory of hundreds of billions of stars in the Milky Way.

stars in the Milky Way.

But, even then, Voyager's mission is not over. She will be searching for the heliopause, the boundary between the regime dominated by the wind from the Sun and that controlled by the wind from the stars. Some scientists think that the heliopause will be reached around the year 2010 or 2015. This boundary, beyond the outermost planet, is another of the frontiers of the Solar System.

Long after the last pictures are taken, long after the heliopause is breached, long after the radioactive power source aboard runs down and she can no longer call home, Voyager 2 will still be hurtling outward at a million miles a day. Nothing can stop her.

Both Voyager spacecraft are bound for the stars. Weakly held by the Sun's gravity is a great horde of trillions of comets, in what astronomers call the Oort Cloud. Voyager will not pass through the Oort Cloud for another 20,000 years. Then, at last, broken free of the gravitational shackles that bind her to the Sun, completing her long goodbye to the Solar System, Voyager will make for the open sea of interstellar space. Only then will Phase 2 of her mission begin.

It was known from the start that both Voyager spacecraft would leave the Solar System, that they were destined to wander forever in the dark between the stars. So NASA invited a group of us to design a message to be affixed to the side of the spacecraft, a message intended for any

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interstellar spacefaring civilizations that might one day encounter Voyager. As each Voyager left Earth for the planets and the stars, it carried along with it a golden phonograph record encased in a golden, mirrored tacket containing, among other things, greetings in 55 human languages and one whale language; a 12-minute sound essay including a kiss. a baby's cry and an EEG record of the meditations of a young woman in love; 118 pictures, digitally encoded, on our science, our civilization and ourselves; and 90 minutes of the Earth's greatest hits-Eastern and Western, classical and folk, including a Navaio night chant, a Pygmy girl's initiation song, a Peruvian wedding song, a Japanese shakuhachi piece, Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, Stravinsky, Louis Armstrong, and Chuck Berry singing "Johnny B. Goode

Space is so empty that there is virtually no chance that Voyager will ever enter another solar system, even if every star in the sky is accompanied by planets. The instructions on the record tackets, written in what we believe to be readily comprehensible scientific hieroplyphics, can be read, and the contents of the records understood, only if alien beings, sometime in the remote future. find Voyager in the depths of interstellar space. Since both Voyagers will circle the center of the Milky Way Galaxy essentially forever, there is plenty of time for the records to be found, if there's anyone out there to do the finding.

We cannot know how much of the records they would understand. But being much better scientists and engineers than we-otherwise they would never be able to find and retrieve the silent spacecraft in interstellar space-perhaps they would have no difficulty understanding. Perhaps they would recognize the tentativeness of our society, the mismatch between our technology and our wisdom. Have we destroyed ourselves since launching Voyager, they might wonder, or have we gone on to greater things?

Or perhaps the records will never be intravepted. Perhans no one in 5 billion years will ever come upon them. Five billion years is a long time. In 5 billion years. everyone we know and love will be gone. all humans will have become extinct or evolved into other beings, no human artifacts will remain on Earth, the continents will have been unrecognizably altered or destroyed, and the Earth itself will have been reduced by the evolution of the Sun to a charred cinder.

Far from home, untouched by these distant events, Voyager will fly on. IE

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Check Berry at Jet Propulsion Lab

On Seaday, Aug. 27, 1989, after Voyager 2 had successfully encountered the Neptune system, the scientists and engineers at IPL were given a "wrap party." Chuck Berry, one of the fathers of rock 'a' roll and the only living American componer to be represented on the Voyager Interstellar Record, performed a rousing restillar Record, performed a rousing resolution of "Johanny 8. Goode." At the same party, Carl Sugan gave the following "Besolution for Voyager 2":

Every human culture has rites of passage. They mark the transition from one stage of life to another. We are gathered here to calebrate Voyagar's rite of passage. A machine designed, built and operated here at the Jet Propeision Laboratory has broken free of the Sun's gravity, explored most of the worlds of the Solar System and is now on its way to the great, dark ocean of interstellar space. It carries a phonograph record of greetings, pictures and the world's great music to any beings who might encounter it there.

The men and women responsible are gathered here. You are heroes of imman accomplishment. Your deeds will be remembered in the history books. Our remote descendants may live on some of the worlds first revealed to us by Voyager. If so, they will look back on you as we look back on Christopher Columbus.

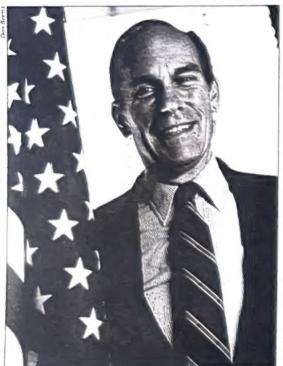
Voyager left a planet blighted and imperiled by nuclear weapons, climatic change, poverty and injustice. The species that launched her was a danger to itself. But Voyager has given us a stirring cosmic perspective. We have seen evidence of the destruction and reconstitution of worlds. We have witnessed the early building blocks of life assembling themselves. But we have not found a trace, not a hint, of life itself. Voyager reminds us of the rarity and preciousness of what our planet holds, of our responsibility to preserve life on Earth.

If we are capable of such grand, longterm, benign, visionary, high-technology endeavors as Voyager, can we not use our technological gifts and long-term vision to put this planet right?

Perhaps the Neptune fly-by marks not just Voyager's rite of passage but the beginning of our own: the binding up of the peoples and nations and generations to take care of one another, to cherish the Earth and bravely to venture forth—in the footsteps of Voyager—to the planets and the stars.

SHOULD WE CHANGE OU

Rep. Andrew Jacobs, a Democrat from Indiana and a combat-disabled Marine veteran, reintroduced in the House in January a measure that would change our national anthem from "The Star-Spangled Banner" to "America the Beautiful." Some months earlier, PARADE asked its readers if the United States should adopt a new national anthem. Now that the results have been tabulated, and because the response was so overwhelmingly in favor of the change, we asked Representative Jacobs to explain why he and so many others seem to feel so strongly. What follows is his reply.



Rep. Andrew Jacobs suggests adoption of "America the Beautiful" as a new national authem.

SHOULD THE UNITED STATES Congress designate "America the Beautiful" as our new national anthem?

Millions of my fellow Americans and I think so, and here's why:

"America the Beautiful" celebrates our power and ability to live and work in peace, the beauty that is in our land and the possibilities inherent in our people.

The thrust of the message of the current national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner," is war, almost a celebration of it. But martial matters do not measure the length and breadth of our national being-not by a long shot.

I do not suggest that we scrap "The Star-Spangled Banner." I think we should keep it as a suitable and stirring sound for military and other occasions.

"The Star-Spangled Banner" was written in 1814, but it was not officially adopted as the national anthem until signed into law by Herbert Hoover in 1931. Before that, "Yankee Doodle" was somewhat in vogue. Ulysses Grant said, "I have two favorite songs. One of them is 'Yankee Doodle' and the other one ain't."

Not generally known is the fact that the third verse of Francis Scott Key's poem spews hatred for our long-since friends, the British. "Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution ...

The music of "The Star-Spangled Banner" is not American. It was written in 18th-century England by John Stafford Smith as a sex and drinking song.

The music to "America the Beautiful," on the other hand, was conceived on a loftier plane and on American soil. It was composed by the American musician Samuel Augustus Ward in 1882. Its strains flow evenly and suggest the inner peace of a self-confident people. "America the Beautiful" is not about an American war. It is about America.

The words, written in 1893 by our fellow citizen, Katherine Lee Bates, contain no hatred of others. Rather, they celebrate "a patriot dream that sees beyond the years" and emphasize a people's love for the strength and beauty of their land. The phrases scattered throughout the hymn suggest brotherhood, the glory of the land and pride in accomplishment: "O beautiful for pilgrim feet/Whose stern impassioned stress/A thoroughfare for freedom beat/Across the wilderness.

Those in favor of making "America the Beautiful" our everyday anthem include Erich Kunzel, who conducted the Memorial Day concert on the steps of the Capitol in 1988 and who spoke for the change afterward, as he does at the end of many concerts he conducts; Danny Thomas, the actor-comedian; and Rep. Vin Weber, a Republican from Minnesota. Russell V. McConnell, a retired bandmaster of the U.S. Army, declares. "Amen and hallelujah!"

"Our present national anthem," McConnell explains, "is so complicated that bandmasters were taught it as a separate 'art form' unrelated to any other music played by Army bands."

The Rev. Robert Schuller, whose program from the Crystal Cathedral is regularly seen across the nation, has said: "The message in 'America the Beautiful' so far outdistances the limited human values that are found in 'The Star-Spangled Banner' that thoughtful people who make decisions on substance more than emotional tradition would welcome the change." Amen and hallelujah.

Others disagree. California's Republican Rep. Bob Doman, a former Air Force pilot, says: "I personally love fireworks. And 'the rocket's red glare' grabs me more than 'above the fruited plain." In addition, William Schaefer—the Democratic governor of Maryland and a former mayor of Baltimore, where "The Star-Spangled Banner" was written-asserts: "It is that special piece of music that is the symbol of everything for which the U.S.A. stands."

We know the first verses to both songs. But few of us will ever master the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Retired Brandeis music professor Caldwell Titcomb says it "covers a span of a twelfth, which is an octave plus a perfect fifth."

Still, "The Star-Spangled Banner" can do wondrously chilling things to our innermost feelings. When I hear "The Star-Spangled Banner," I snap to attention and present arms. "O'er the land of the free & the home of the brave." I love that line even if I can't sing it. "America the Beautiful," however, would send a more positive national message to others at a time when enlightenment seems to be spreading its peaceful and liberating dividends across the globe.

In a sense, "America the Beautiful" is already our national anthem. At the official service for the Challenger astronauts, our pride and our sorrow were best expressed through "America the Beautiful," played that day. The rededication of the Statue of Liberty was laced and graced with "America the Beautiful."

As a nation, we are coming of age.

We have never been soft as a people, and the change I suggest would not make us so. "America the Beautiful" does not lack suitable tribute to heroes who have physically defended our country. "O beautiful for heroes proved/In liberating strife/Who more than self their country loved/And mercy more than life." Heroism is proved not so much by inflicting pain as by enduring it.

Passion is important in life, but to be steadfast is crucial. "America the Beautiful" is not boisterous. Neither is true patriotism, which is an abiding thing, calm and steady on stormy seas as well as in the safety of the harbor. This is one of the things most beautiful about America, and that's something to \mathbf{R} sing about.

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WHAT OUR READERS SAY

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FAVOR THE designation of "America the Beautiful" as the national anthem by a ratio of four to one, according to their response to a question posed by PARADE as part of a profile of the singer Ray Charles in August 1988.

PARADE's 65 million readers were asked, "Should we change our national anthem?" then invited to check a box indicating "Yes" or "No, I think we should keep 'The Star-Spangled Banner.'" Almost 400,000 responded over the next several months, with 74,000 voting against the change but 315,000 in favor of "America the Beautiful" as our new national anthem.

Many of those who voted against the change enclosed notes or letters with their ballots. "I can't understand why someone would even suggest changing our tradition," Mrs. S.A. Zdeb wrote from upstate New York. This country is so dear to me. If these people [who wish to change the anthem) are not satisfied, they should leave.

And several different "parlors," or groups of members, of the Native Daughters of the Golden West voted emphatically in favor of "The Star-Spangled Banner." "After much discussion and upon vote of our 67 members," wrote Beverly B. Thomas of Golden Era Parlor No. 99, "we wish to vote 'No' on changing our national anthem. We feel the music to 'The Star-Spangled Banner' is much more stirring and much more effective, used at such events as Olympic award presentations."

One unidentified reader took a firm stand against the change: "Definitely not! These people worked hard to give us what we have today-freedom." And, alluding to the difficulty of singing "The Star-Spangled Banner," the reader declared: "Many can hit the high note. And if they can't, so what? Not everyone is a mechanic. Not everyone can walk the high wire. And to top it off, not everyone can even sing!

Mary Sherwood of Storrs, Conn., voted in favor of the change but expressed this reservation: "I think that maybe someday someone will write a more lilting tune than 'America the Beautiful,' which tends to drag in spots. After all, we are only 200 years old, and new musicians are always coming along. But for now 'America the Beautiful' is better.'

And a woman in Macon, Ga., wrote to say: "'America the Beautiful' should be our national anthem. It represents what is best about the United States.



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For W Mitchell, tragedy was a starting point The Van Whoo You as a starting point The Defeated

IN HIS WHEELCHAIR, W MITCHELI rolls into a fashionable Denver restaurant, grinnand waves his fingerless hand at the bartender. The other patrons transitions to start

Mitchell's face is a patchwork of multicolored skin grafts, the fingers of both hands are either missing or mere stubs, and his paralyzed legs lie thin and use less in his blue cordurov slacks.

No one here is bold enough to ask, but Mitchell says people sometimes try to guess how he was injured. Car wreck? Vietnam? The real story is more astounding than anyone could guess. Mitchell, 46, was horrifically humed and nearly killed in a freak motorcycling accident in 1971, then, four years later, he was paralyzed from the waist down in an air plane crash. "When I tell people there were two separate accidents," he says, "they can hardly stand it."

Yet Mitchell is a millionaire, a respect ed environmentalist, a sought-after speak er, a former mayor and Congressional candidate, a happy husband, even a river rafter and sky-diver. And he became all these things after his accidents

His life, Mitchell says, proves that "all limitations are self-imposed." He adds, "It's not what happens to you in life, it's what you do about it."

Mitchell had always enjoyed forging his own destiny. He even chose his own name. Born William John Schiff in Wallingford, Pa., he decided in 1968 to change it legally to "Mitchell" in honor of his late stepfather, Luke Mitchell. "The Social Security Administration said it would blow a computer if I just had one name," he recalls, "so I stuck the "W" on the front."

He dropped out of high school in the 10th grade and joined the Mannes. While in the service, he got his high school equivalency diploma. After his four-year hitch, he bounced between jobs: radio announcer, bartender, cabdriver, part-time college student. In 1969, he became a San Francisco cable-car gripman, cutting a romantic figure as he piloted the city's famous trolleys. For a born showman, it was a fun life.

On June 19, 1971, he was on top of the world. The day before, he had bought a beautiful new motorcycle. That morning, he soloed in an airplane for the first time. He was 28, healthy and popular.

"That afternoon, I got on that motorcycle to ride to work," he recalls, "and at the intersection of 26th and South Van Ness, a laundry truck and I collided. The bike went down, crushed my elbow and fractured my pelvis, and the gas cap W Mitchell with wife, Annie, and their dog in Colorado's Genesee Park.

popped open on the motorcycle. The gas poured out, the heat of the engine ignited it, and I got burned over 65 percent of my body." A quick-witted fellow in a nearby car lot doused Mitchell with a fire extinguisher and saved his life.

But his face had been burned off, his fingers were black, charred and twisted, his legs were nothing but raw, red flesh. It was common for first-time visitors to look at him and faint. He was unconscious for two weeks. Then he awoke.

"My recollection was that I was fairly positive. I remember asking somebody to bring in my flying books so that I could start studying my flying again."

Over four months, he had 13 transfusions, 16 skin-graft operations and other surgeries. "He had a spirit like I'd never seen before or since," says Dr. Mark Gorney, Mitchell's plastic surgeon and former chief of plastic surgery at San Francisco's Saint Francis Memorial Hospital.

Mitchell says his secret was twofold. The first was the love and encouragement of friends and family, and the second was a personal philosophy he had gleaned from various sources. He realized he did not have to buy society's notion that one must be handsome and healthy to be happy. "I am in charge of my own spaceship," he says. "It is my up, my down. I could choose to see this situation as a setback or a starting point."

Once out of the hospital, he says, he spent "a lot of time trying to figure out how to do stuff." Even a stiff breeze brought agony. "I could not pick up a fork, take my pants off, go to the bathroom without help, dial a phone."

But he doggedly set to work, learning continued

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With about \$500,000 from a lawsuit against the motorcycle manufacturer and the owners of the laundry truck, he moved to the picturesque ski town of Crested Butte, Colo., 230 miles southwest of Denver. He bought a lovely Victorian house, an airplane, some real estate and a bar. Though he was a "pretty oddlooking duck," he did not lack for female companionship. As his wife, Annie, puts it, "He has such a great sense of humor and puts you so at ease, after 10 minutes you forget that he looks different at all."

Early in 1975, Mitchell teamed with two friends, invested \$25,000 and co-founded Vermont Castings Inc. As chairman of the board, he helped maneuver the tiny wood-stove company toward a position as Vermont's second-largest private employer. Eventually, his net worth climbed to nearly \$3 million.

Then, on the morning of Nov. 11, 1975, he and four passengers took off in his turbocharged Cessna. "I violated the cardinal rule of flying," Mitchell admits. "You never take off with ice on the wings. About 75 feet up, I realized the plane was flying oddly. It was rough, buffeting." He reduced power, and the plane dropped just like a rock back onto the runway.

Excruciating pain shot up from his lower back. "I told the others to get out," he says, "but I couldn't. I could not move my legs." Mitchell's 12th thoracic vertebra was crushed, his spinal cord bruised beyond

repair. He was a paraplegic.

Even the relentlessly optimistic Mitchell began to have dark moments. "I wondered what the hell was happening to me. What did I do to deserve this?"

But he still had his friends and that profound sense that he could create his own reality by focusing on the "can" rather than the "can't." He decided to follow the advice of the German philosopher Goethe: "Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness

has genius, power and magic in it."

Mitchell recalls another patient, a man about 19, whom he had met in the hospital's gymnasium: "This guy also had been paralyzed. He had been a mountain climber, a skier, an active outdoors person, and he was convinced his life was over. Finally, I went over to this guy and said, 'You know something? Before all of this happened to me, there were 10,000 things I could do. Now there are 9000. I could spend the rest of my life dwelling on the 1000 that I lost, but I choose to focus on the 9000 that are left."

Articulating his philosophy put his own values in sharp focus. Though financially successful, Mitchell admits his lifestyle was still rather self-centered.

He began to think back to Thoreau's moving essays on the glories of the wilderness, which his friends had read to him when he was a burn patient, and to think about the Rocky Mountains he had come to love.

In particular, he thought about Mount Emmons, called the Red Lady because of the rouge tint it takes at sunrise. It forms the backdrop of Crested Butte, and Mitchell regards it as "unspeakably beautiful."

One of the world's largest mining companies was staking claims on the mountain to extract molybdenum, a metal that strengthens steel. Many residents regarded the mine—and the more than 1500 workers who would descend on their quiet town-as inevitable, but not Mitchell. He ran for mayor, won and, as he puts it, "hit the ground rolling."

From 1977 to 1981, he spent an estimated \$120,000 of his own money in a pitched battle to preserve the mountain and the town. He buttonholed politicians, captured media attention and prodded lawyers. In August 1981, the mining company withdrew.

But the next summer yielded an even happier

moment. On June 19, 1982, he married Annie Baker at the base of Oh Be Joyful, a mountainous wilderness that Mitchell's lobbying had helped to protect.

They had met when Annie was a nurse's aide at Craig Hospital near Denver, where Mitchell was undergoing therapy after his paralysis. For the next four years, he wooed her with every trick he could imagine. "When I was a guest at the White House, I had the White House operator put through the call to her," he says. "She was totally unimpressed."

Ironically, what finally won her over was that rarest of events in Mitchell's life: an admission of defeat.

"He called one day asking me to dinner, and I said, 'Persistent, aren't you?' " says Annie, now an anthropology student at the University of Colorado. She is a shy, gentle woman, a complement to Mitchell, the boisterous talker. "I could tell by the tone in his voice that he had been hurt and he probably would not call again," she recalls. "Then I realized in my heart that I wanted to know him better." She called him back.

"It has gotten better every year," says Annie. "We not only love one another, but we really like each other." In early February 1984, Mitchell decided to run for

Congress. He turned his odd appearance into an asset, with slogans such as "I'm not just another pretty face.

Mitchell won the primary, but the Reagan coattail effect made 1984 a bad year for Democrats in Colorado, and he lost the election. He has no regrets and says, "I would not trade that experience for anything in the world.

Since 1986, Mitchell has busied himself with investments, environmental activism—he is on the board of directors of the National Parks and Conservation Association and American Wildlands-and, increasingly, public speaking. He speaks to executives at conventions, but he also gives free talks to junior high students and others who can't swing his fee but could benefit from his message. He also has earned a master's degree in public administration

I tell people that I have had two big bumps in my life," he says. "If I have chosen not to use them as an excuse to quit, maybe some of the experiences that you are having which are pulling you back can be put into a new perspective. You can step back, take a wider view and have a chance to say, 'Maybe that isn't such a big thing after all.



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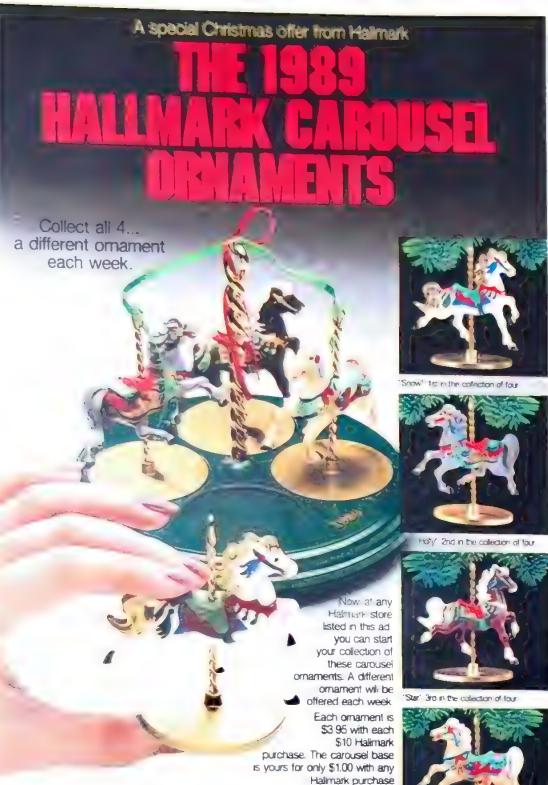
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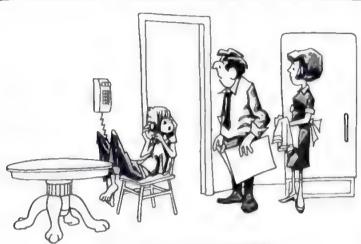
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BY LYNN MINTON

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Youthful Virtuoso

Midori Goto is a Japanese girl who made her violinistic debut at the age of 9 and now, at 18, has established herself as one of the young stars of the musical world. She prefers to be known professionally by her first name only. Midori's newest compact-disc release is a beauty—Dvořák's Vlolin Concerts, with Zubin Mehta (one of her earliest sponsors) and the New York Philharmonic, on CBS Records. The sound is lovely, and there is an assurance and zest to Midori's performance that makes the music seem delightfully fresh.

-Herbert Kupferberg

CHILDREN

Travel, Art and Poetry

Most guidebooks for parents traveling with children concentrate on the kinds of games to be played in the backseat of the car, but **Kids on Board**, by Ken and Marilyn Wilson (Warner Books, \$12.95), really tells what to see and do, as well as where to stay and eat, once you arrive. Ten cities are covered: Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Orlando (Disney World), Philadelphia, San Diego, Seattle, San Francisco and Washington.

Tourist attractions listed are geared toward young people, but it's amazing how many of these museums, exhibitions and entertainment centers appeal to older folks too.

Herbert Kupferberg

• Put together the poem that goes, "Over the river and through the woods, to Grandfather's house we go..."with Grandma Moses' painting of a scene like that; and "This little piggy went to market..." with artist Keith Haring's 60 weird and funny pigs. Then enjoy a poem about a "Wiggledy Wasticus" (at a natural-history museum) while looking at the Gary Larson cartoon of a dinosaurish creature in a car with the license plate "18 NY," and you'll get an idea of the pleasures in Imaginary Gardens: American Proctry and Art for Young People (Abrams, \$19.95).

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BY JAMES BRADY

Stewart Granger

REALLY PLAY MYSELF in this role." said Stewart Granger "An old man who loves beautiful young Granger, one of the last of the great Hollywood swashbucklers, opens on

Broadway with Rex Harrison and Glynis Johns tomorrow night in W. Somerset Maugham's The Circle. It's Granger's first stage play in 40 years, and he's excited "It's an enchanting play and, while I shouldn't say so, has three pretty good names in the cast.

This was in his suite in the Wyndham Hotel in New York, and Granger-in red sweatpants, green polo shirt and leather moccasins—was being refresh

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> or Jimmy." Granger had changed his name from James Stewart when he entered the movie business—the other James Stewart

was already making a name for himself in Hollywood But let Granger tell it

"I'm 76 years old and have half a lung," he began "Rex is 81, and Glynis is in her 60s. No. I don't know Rex well. I don't think anyone knows Rex very well. I live in a house in Pacific Palisades [Calif.] 200 yards from the sea, surrounded by pictures I like and trophies from Africa I go to work whenever I need money to buy my

Tomorrow night on Broadway, the old Hollywood swashbuckler Stewart Granger opens in his first stage play in 40 years

daughter a car or something. Otherwise, I don't. One year (in the 1970s). I was worth \$15 million The next year, I was broke. The Southern Califorma mal-estate market had crashed "

The actor said he "hates" television. Then he laughed and added that he'd do TV if he needed the money

Granger has four children by three wives (one of them was the actress Jean Simmons). and now his youngest daughter, Samantha—21 and a beauty—came nto the room.

We went on a boat ride around Manhattan yesterday," Granger said. "I loathed it. She loved it." It was Samantha's first visit to New York. Stewart on May 6, 1913, la London. PERSONAL: Married to Elspeth March, 1938-48; two children, Married to Jean Simmons. 1950-60: one child. Married to Viviane LeCerf, 1964-69; one child. FTLMS: Include So This Is London (debut), 1938; Caesar and Cleopatra, 1945; King Solomon's Mines, 1950; Scaramouche. 1952: The Prisoner of Zenda, 1952; All the Brothers Were Valiant, 1954; Bean Brummell, 1954; Green Fire, 1955; Showani Junction. 1956; North to Alaska, 1960; The Wild Geese, 1978. **AUTHOR: Soarks** Fly Upward, 1981.

Stewart Granger is still handsome, lean and athletic looking-and a lot mellower than when he was feuding with Howard Hughes and the Hollywood gossip columnists.

"I wasn't arrogant," he said. "I was ashamed." It all goes back to World War II, Granger explained, when he was serving in the Gordon Highlanders and the

Sixth Bartalion of the Black Watch, "I'd love to say I was shot through the shoulder saving my best friend, he said, "but I was kicked out for a duodenal ulcer I developed after my wife had two miscarriages. So all my buddies went out to North Africa and got shotnot all of them killed, of course-and I went back to being an actor, with reporters like you asking me my favorite color. Those men were dying, and I was being a movie star. I wasn't belligerent. I was ashamed!

So many of his British acting colleagues have now been knighted, most recently "Sir Rex" himself, that I asked Granger if he thirsted for a knighthood. "Not at all," he said. "It just costs you more. Everyone expects a bigger tip.

PARADE'S SPECIAL Intelligence Report

Why CBS Scheduled Six in a Row





Gerald McRaney and new family in Major Dad; Ion Cryer in Toddy Z: Creative...or crazy?

s we go to press, CBS is offering the American video viewer on Monday nights, from 8 to 11 p.m. EST, six consecutive situation comedies: Major Dad. Doctor, Doctor, Murphy Brown, The Famous Teddy Z, Designing Women and Newhart.

This is the first time in the history of TV that any network has telecast six-"count 'em, six" —sitcoms on the same night, concentrating all of its comedy shows in one basket.

What strategy lies behind such risky powerhouse scheduling? And if it proves successful, will the other networks follow suit? NBC already has positioned four sitcoms-The Cosby Show. A Different World, Cheers and Dear John-back-to-back on Thursday nights, while ABC has time-slotted Full House, Family Matters, Perfect Strangers and Just the Ten of Us, another quartet of supposedly funny halfhours, in prime time on Fridays.

Is the American appetite for humor insatiable? If the public will watch six successive comedy sitcoms, why not eight, or 10?

I put those questions to a knowledgeable CBS historian, who prefers anonymity to getting fired. "CBS," he explained, "has done lousy these recent years in coming up with successful comedy shows. No wonder! Some of our execs are birdbrains with

IQs as high as 12 or 13. One of our geniuses is so funny he thinks Edward R. Murrow is the name of a stand-up comedian. Another guy wanted to star Nancy Reagan in a comedy series to be called Should Lesbians Be Allowed To Play Professional Football?"

"In any case," he continued, "we were doing so awful comedy-wise that Kim LeMasters. our president of entertainment, came up with the brilliant idea of scheduling six sitcoms in a row on Monday nights. LeMasters is no Einstein. He's not going to win a Nobel Prize. But at least he had a plan and a goal.

"Starting with Major Dad, he would run his six sitcoms from Sept. 18 to the end of December. If Major Dad or The Famous Teddy Zhit it big, LeMasters would pull them out of the Monday-night lineup and move them to other nights, so that CBS would have some proven comedy hits available for selling throughout the week-proof positive that it was no longer the comedy-deficient network. Do I make myself clear?"

I nodded, but I'm not sure I really understand. Apparently the secret of imaginative and creative TV scheduling-like the secret of rich, ripe tobacco-lies in the fertilizer. You've got to spread it around. But first, of course, it has to be concentrated.

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MacDonald worked with McGinniss on Fatal Vision, expecting that the book would reveal his innocence. It didn't.

Hot Rumor

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